

Remarks

In the Office Action dated April 26, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by the article by Kato, et al. The Examiner rejected claims 7, 8 and 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kato, et al. and further in view of the article by Smith, et al. The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by the U.S. Patent in the name of Belissent 6,789,203.

By this Amendment, Applicants' Attorney has amended each of the independent claims to more particularly point out and distinctly claim what Applicants regard as their invention. In particular, each of the independent claims has been amended to make it clearer that request statistics include content of the network traffic and include at least one of: size of a request and a reply to the request, request payload, number of fragments in the request and request content anomalies. Support for these additional limitations to claims 1 and 9 appear on page 10, lines 20-30 of the specification.

Clearly, the prior art of record taken either alone or in combination with one another fail to disclose these new limitations. For example, Kato, et al. does not look at the content of network traffic at all. It only looks at TCP ACK/reset packets which are in the TCP header and which are separate from content.

Also, the U.S. Patent to Belissent does not look at the content of the network traffic at all. It only looks at TCP connections per time interval. Information about TCP connections is contained entirely in the TCP header. Consequently, Belissent ignores the content of the connections.

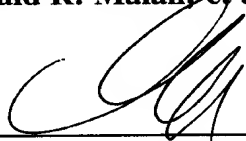
The remaining prior art of record fails to make up for the deficiencies of Kato, et al. and Belissent, et al.

Consequently, in view of the above and in the absence of better art Applicants' Attorney respectfully submits the application is in condition for allowance which allowance is respectfully requested.

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